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SUBJECT: PLANNED MILITARY EARTH SATELLITE STATION

1. DEFENSE COMMUNICATIONS AGENCY (DCA) IS CURRENTLY PLANNING TO INSTALL A MOBILE (AN/MSC-46) SATELLITE EARTH TERMINAL IN TAIWAN DURING FY 77 (PROBABLY ON LINE DECEMBER 1978). A SITE SURVEY TEAM FROM DCA PAC IS PLANNING TO VISIT TAIWAN ON SEPTEMBER 13, 1975 TO CONDUCT A SURVEY. UNLESS DEPARTMENT ACTS THROUGH DOD TO DELAY OR HALT PROJECT, WE PLAN TO APPROVE AREA CLEARANCE FOR SITE SURVEY WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT NO CONTACT WITH CHINESE AUTHORITIES IS APPROVED. WE WILL NOT APPROVE FURTHER ACTIONS WITHOUT INFORMING DEPT.

2. PLANNED INSTALLATION OF EARTH TERMINAL IS PART OF JCS-APPROVED COMMUNICATIONS PLAN STAGE 10 (1976-1981) PHASE II DSCS. TERMINAL WILL REPLACE OR SUPPLEMENT EXISTING DEFENSE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM IN TAIWAN. BASIC JUSTIFICATION FOR NEW SYSTEM IS AGE AND UNIQUENESS OF PRESENT CONNECTION TO THE PHILIPPINES (ESTIMATED LIFE APPROXIMATELY THREE MORE YEARS) AND THE SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SHU LIN KOU AIR STATION. NEW TERMINAL WILL ALSO FUNCTION AS PART OF DCA WESTERN PACIFIC BACKBONE SYSTEM.

3. ESTIMATED COST OF SITE PREPARATION WILL BE US DOLS 170,000 ANF FACILITY REQUIRES 26 PERSONNEL.

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4. PLEASE ADVISE WHAT ACTION, IF ANY, DEPARTMENT PLANS
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